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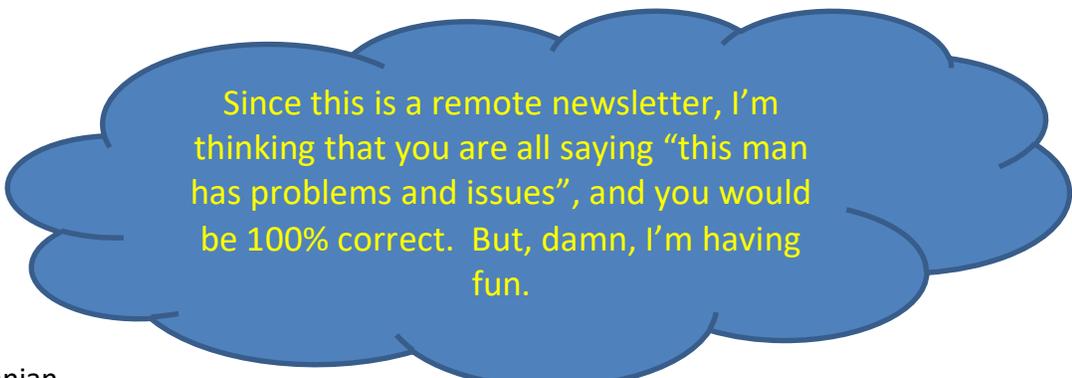
Race One: The meet never happened. (or did it??) All of our plans for St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day had to be scrapped because NY is in the throes of COVID-19 and it ain't pretty. The City and State mandate was no gathering of more than 50 people at a time and we do that +++ every meeting. So, if you want to feel like we had a meeting, find a flag, stand up, put your hand over your heart, (oh yeah, don't forget to remove your hat) and say the Pledge of Allegiance like you mean it. We live in the greatest and strongest country in the World, let's continue to remember that and act like that. Next up, say a prayer, one for you and your family and friends, and one for everyone else who is living with the uncertainty of this vicious virus. Sky Pilots Fr. Mike and Fr. Angel are working their buns off serving the forgotten of our community since most Food Pantries have closed down, They are virtually the only game in town, so say a prayer for THEM as they commit themselves to serve. You guys are my heroes. Stay strong and be safe.

Race Two: So, President Gino opened the meeting remotely, oh wait, there's President Elect Janine signing into ZOOM, and here' IPP Liz Fitzgerald joining the mix. Wow, this is really awesome and fun connecting with our members remotely. There are some benefits to this method of meeting, yup, Kenny Dunn just joined the group and we don't even have to look at him, just listen to that melodious voice of his on the speaker. Sounds like Kenny might be eating something, already. Still first to eat, way to go Kenny. No way for the sheriff to physically collect the money in the feed bag because she's sheriff-ing remotely. Are you there Sheriff Maricelis, come in Maricelis. There you are, and now we're being joined by a number of other Directors from the GRYC to join the ZOOM BA Party. Hello Ariel, Dina, Aidan, Cat and Paul, nice to know you are safe and working from home. Gino said if you want to give happy dollars, VENMO your dollars in. And to think, they actually have clubs like this throughout the world that meet by telecommuting called Internet Clubs. Sorry, not for me. I need more of the personal interaction stuff.

Race Three: The menu today was to be Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Irish Soda Bread with Kerry Gold Butter and a whole sampling of St. Joseph's pastries provided by our buddy Michael Addeo. Hey, Michael, nice to see you joining us on Zoom. Welcome, Hey wait, what's that half eaten pastry doing on your desk? Hmm, thanks for sharing remotely. At that point, Hank Kraker, JR Velepec, Lucian Matej and John Stahl "Zoomed" in and began to share. Hey guys, kind of risky, all of you in one car. Pretty tight quarters. Wait a second, there's Joe Aiello, in the car too. Sorry Joe, didn't see you back there, looks tight under those armpits. What do you mean, none of you have Venmo. Ok, me either. Gino hits the gong and asks for a little more order and less talking over each other. No pointing please.

Race Four: How cool to know that NYPD 104 Pct Commanding Officer, Captain Perry joined by her Police Officers pulling up in front of the building with the NYPD Van filled with Community Affairs Officers, Mike Berish and Asar Sanad, Detective Tommy Bell was the driver, P.O. Pat Nessler, Sgt. Edward Reiman, "G", and P.O. Santos. Blatantly missing was P.O. Lesa Craigg, who has left the 104 to work in Personnel. It was a sad day at the Precinct on her last day there, and it was awesome that her Law Explorers showed up to thank her for her love of them and the program. Lesa, I miss you remotely and personally. Nuff, said.





Since this is a remote newsletter, I'm thinking that you are all saying "this man has problems and issues", and you would be 100% correct. But, damn, I'm having fun.

Race Five:

Dear My Fellow Kiwanian,

On behalf of everyone on the board of directors, and myself, our hearts go out to all those impacted by COVID-19. As we have all witnessed, the situation has escalated rapidly each day passing by. The health and safety of our fellow Kiwanians is our top priority, and we want to do our part to further limit the spread of COVID-19. We are going to cancel all events and meetings for March and April.

As a reminder, please remember what Kiwanis is all about, while we all should be social distancing, and washing our hands often, we should also pick up a phone and check up on a loved one or a neighbor.

In the meantime, we hope you and your loved ones stay safe and healthy. We look forward to seeing you all at our clubhouse soon. If you need to contact me, please feel free to email me at gancona@thegryc.org.

Love,

Your Ridgewood Kiwanian President,

Gino Ancona

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Ridgewood 3-2-1

Race Six: To allow more people to ZOOM In, Gino put out the word for the GRYC Directors and staff to come and enjoy our virtual Irish meal and St. Joseph's pastries and joining in were David Volcy, Beverly McBeth, Sabrina Sierra, Jacklyn Hogan, Edwing Vilsaint, Paul Hoffmann, Danielle Kleiman, Maria Batista, Christine Halloran, Oscar Luna, Irene Pina, Maureen Powell, Papi Chulo Rodriguez, Mary Benitez, Linda Manetta and Diane Cusimano. I may have missed a few of you, the screen was a bit small with all those boxes to look at and figure out. But one thing is certain, you can hear that Mary talking loud and clear. Yeah, Linda, Carlos and Joe the Plumber, too. Lots of chatter and Gino had to hit the gong again to keep order on the meeting. Way to go Gino, nobody listened until you used that "F" word, "F"ines of \$1 for everyone. Money talks...

Race Seven: Back on the screen came Michael Addeo wearing his suit and beautiful tie. Never saw a guy dress to the 9's for a remotely held Kiwanis Meeting, wonder if he would have cut his own tie off, if we raised enough money. Missing were the Cross County Bank crew, Rafal Ziolkowski, and Linda Monte, but Diane Cusimano could be heard in the background saying something about vegetarian food and not just cabbage. Come on Diane we had Potatoes too. Alan Bellone was whining or was it "wining" about something, from his shop in Brooklyn with all the T-Shirt making machines "drowning" out his voice. Chris McDougall actually gets credit for the meeting as he joined us on his phone. How crazy is that, we wait almost a year to see his Irish "mug", and he gets to do the remote thing. But his attendance is more "remote" than anything else. Bernie and Ann Zablocki joined on their "OLD" computer, sorry Bernie, couldn't resist and Henrietta Maier joined us from 62nd Street. Liran Gross from Maspeth Federal Savings was able to join in with his cool computer at the bank, plugging into the same network were Jayne Wadhawan and Alex Lagombra from Valley National and Mia Carla Rodriguez from Investors Bank kept her perfect attendance streak going. Our buddy John Hennessey dialed in from some faraway place, Forest and Myrtle as did Joan Hoffmann. Tom Wilk was a busy bee, sorry couldn't help it, and said only a few weeks until blooming season and the "Bees get busy". Tina Forte doesn't have a computer so she was a no-show, even though it was St. Joseph's Day, but Dave Fitzgerald booted up because it was St Patrick's Day. When Irish Eyes are Smiling...Kevin Powell was off to Texas but stopped at a REST STOP to dial in, Hi Kevin, Maureen says that she misses you already. Last meeting's Sheriff, John Stahl was hanging with wife Margie who was home recovering from her surgery. Get Well SOON, Margie. Bronco Bill Rennison was dialing up when Al Bellington stopped by, so we got two for the **price** of one. Oh wait, no money today. Sorry.

Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

April 1st – Regular Meeting of the 3-2-1 at the Clubhouse. April Fool's Day Celebration, CANCELLED No fun.

The Ridgewood Kiwanis 3-2-1 Webpage is just a Click away. If you are bored to tears, plenty to read here. If you have any pictures or stuff to use to update the site, please send it to me.

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Race Nine: The meeting was about to end at exactly 1:00 PM, but someone stole the gong. Now how could that happen?? The total of the Happy Dollars and Food Money collected was zilch, nada, zero, nothing.

3 – 2 – 1... AND THEY'RE



OFF



Some pictures and stuff now that the meeting is over.



My Grandson Tommy with his new glasses.



Assemblyman Mike Miller honoring President Elect Janine Mahon with her Woman of Distinction Award. Congratulations, Janine, Well deserved. Speaking of well deserved, Army Captain Colin Mahon was recognized, along with the soldiers from his Tank Brigade, with this Tank Medal, for their 7 months in South Korea. Congrats West Point grad, Colin Mahon.



***Picture of the Raffle Drum
Donated to the 3-2-1 Club by
Diane Cusimano***



At this time of horror, when the world is so uncertain and seemingly unrelenting, Fr. Mike Lopez and Fr. Angel Lugo, Deacon Kevin Powell and the Hungry Monk Rescue Truck staff partnered with the GRYC, City Councilmen Bob Holden, Eric Ulrich and Antonio Reynoso to get food for their Pantry. Seems that most of the Church pantries closed due to the virus. Kudos to these Ridgewood 3-2-1 Members for continuing to serve those in greatest need. You make us proud. Thanks!!

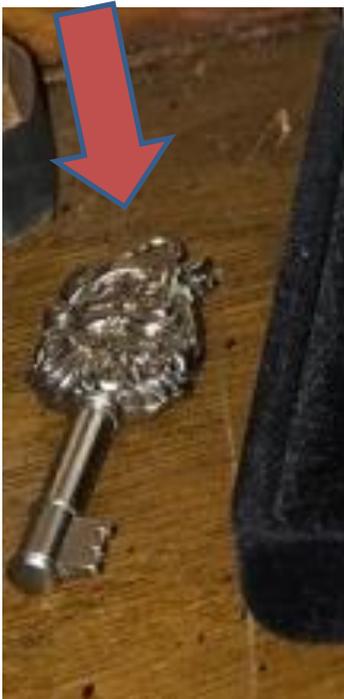
***To All Members and Friends of Ridgewood 3-2-1
Early in this pandemic, Glendale Kiwanis lost one of its finest members, for over 50 years to COVID-19, Erwin Petschauer. Rest in Peace, my friend. He joined a long list of fellow Kiwanians who, while here, were servants helping those in need. Reach out to as many folks as you can and let them know that you care. I miss all of you and pray that you are all safe.***



So here is a true story. The other morning, I went for a walk to the Grotto at St. Pancras. It was one of my best friend's places to reflect and pray. After returning home, I went to get changed and dressed for the day and as I always do in the morning, I rubbed the Angel's Wing that holds the remains of my buddy Bob Pullano and said, "Good Morning Sunshine". As I walked away from my dresser, I heard something hit the floor and I turned to see what it was that fell on the floor. I was already 6 feet away opening my closet door. As I looked down, it was the key on the right side of the picture that had somehow fallen from the shelf. I picked it up and was baffled as to how it fell off the shelf. It actually made me a bit nervous. When I looked at the key, I noticed that it said, "BELIEVE" which is a very big thing for Bob and me, as in the Polar Express, since Bob played SANTA for many, many years and I played his big elf.

I can't explain what happened, except to say that Bob continues to show me signs of his love and presence often, but this one was over the edge nuts for me. I am hopeful that his message was, BELIEVE that I am looking out for all of you and this too, shall pass. Thanks for that sign, and know that,
I BELIEVE!!

Key with Santa Face



Key with the word, Believe

